

Mission and Justice

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Season of Peace

The pursuit of God's peace is both an inner and outer journey where the well being of one is held in the well being of all. Engaging in faithful, spiritual living allows us to become more authentic and effective bearers of peace in our world. The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, this year September 2 – October 7, World Communion Sunday. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace.

The Mission & Justice Committee voted to give our portion of the 2018 Offering to the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, which Kaitlin Porter spoke about in a Table Talk on June 2. The mission of the Florence Project is to provide free legal and social services to detained adults and unaccompanied children facing immigration removal proceedings in Arizona. Their vision is to ensure that all immigrants facing removal have access to counsel, understand their rights under the law, and are treated fairly and humanely.

Please give generously to this Special Offering.

NEPA Youth Shelter

The NEPA Youth Shelter, 541 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, is looking for volunteers for their after school program for teens. They require all background clearances: child abuse, criminal, and fingerprinting. Their hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 2:30 – 9:00 p.m. You can volunteer for any number of hours on any day convenient for you. There are a wide range of tasks completed by volunteers. For a detailed listing, see the Mission & Justice bulletin board in the narthex. You can talk to Diane Scheuer or Melba Fialko for more information.

Refugee Assistance

Our church has recently become involved with assisting refugee families of war who have been resettled in our area. Catholic Social Services has connected the FPCCS POWR (Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees) team to a family from the Democratic Republic of Congo.



This family consists of a thirty-four-year-old widow and her six children ages ranging between five and seventeen. They have recently been informed that they will be evicted from their home within thirty days because the landlord wants to make improvements to the property.

Thus, there is an immediate need for low-income housing in Scranton. There are also pressing needs for better work and driving lessons. In addition, another refugee family whom we've become friends with needs a very inexpensive functioning car. If anyone is able to help or has any connections to these matters, please call Ginny O'Brien at (570)-587-8149.